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*Complaints from teachers affected with leprosy against discharge*

* 120 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of complaints received by the Government in 1954 from teachers affected with leprosy against discharge without grant of leave due for treatment ; and

(*b*) the orders passed thereon ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No complaints have been received.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : I have got records to show that a petition was submitted to the Secretary to the Government of Madras on 21st May 1954 by a teacher who served under the Tanjore District Board and who was discharged without adequate leave being granted to him though he was affected only with the neural type of non-infective leprosy. I would request the Government humbly to see whether that paper was not received by them.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : May I make a suggestion? This is an individual case and it could be taken up in the form of direct representations to the Government and not in the form of a question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions relating to individual cases are not allowed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : There are other cases also like this. If this is favourably decided, the benefit will go to others also. With respect to this particular case, the complaint was made to the Secretary to Government on 21st May 1954 and the letter must be in the files of the Government.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have said that no complaints have been received. But if the hon. Member has any individual case in his possession, it is for him to make representations on it and not to put a general question like this when he has only one instance.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I submit that as the teacher has already died and his family is in great distress, the Government can just ask the District Board concerned to look into this case with sympathy as a very special case?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Still it is an individual case. There is no use of pressing it. The Hon. the Minister for Education has already answered the question.